Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences Council Meeting Minutes

February 26, 2025
3:00-4:00 pm
910 CL Conference Room

MINUTES

Council Members present: Dean Adam Leibovich (Chair); Elected Members: Brian Stewart, Drew Armstrong, Jennifer Waldron, Chiara Montera, Liann Tsoukas, and Satish Iyengar; Divisional Chair Representatives: Adam Shear, Margaret Judd, and Yu Cheng; Dietrich School GSO Representatives: Laura Beghini Chelidonopoulos

Council Members not present: Associate Dean for Graduate Studies Jonathan Woon (Vice Chair)**;** Elected Members: Caro Pirri, Jon Johnson, José Cheibub, Laura Lovett, Robin Brooks, Russell Clark**;** Dietrich School SGB Representatives: Mercy Akanmu and Sophia Chebli

Council Guests: Assistant Dean for Faculty Affairs Eugene Wagner and Chair of Psychology Department Tessa Warren

Dean's Office Personnel present: Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs Todd Reeser, Associate Dean for Research and Faculty Recruitment Hannah Johnson, Associate Dean for Equity, Faculty Development, and Community Engagement Natasha Tokowicz, Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies and CGS Adriana Helbig,

Executive Director of Administration Jessica Hatherill, Senior Director for Undergraduate Studies and the College of General Studies Derek Fischer, Director of Executive Operations Maryellen Gannon, Administrative Coordinator Emma Wallace-Potts

Dean's Office Personnel not present: N/A

Minutes

Dean Leibovich welcomed the Council members and thanked them for attending.

1. Dean's Report (Dean Adam Leibovich)

Dean Leibovich reviewed the Dean's Report distributed before the meeting. He asked for any additional feedback from Council members. No additions or changes were made.

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Dean's Report

- Burcu Savun – Department of Political Science – recipient of the 2025 Provost's Award for Excellence in Doctoral Mentoring.
- Evan Schneider – Department of Physics and Astronomy – earned a 2025 Sloan Research Fellowship from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation.
- Nastasia Mauger – Department of Chemistry – received the 2024 Ada Lovelace Award from the Partnership for Advanced Computing in Europe (PRACE).
- Caitlin Bruce – Department of Communication – received an award from The Andy Warhol Foundation in support of

her *Hemispheric Conversations in Urban Art* work.

2. Report from Dietrich School Undergraduate Council (Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies and CGS Adriana Helbig)
Attachment: 2.5.25 DSAS-UC Council Report to 2.26.25 Dietrich Council

Associate Dean Adriana Helbig presented the report.

The report was moved, seconded, and approved by Council.

Dietrich School Undergraduate Council Report to Dietrich School Council February 26, 2025

February 5, 2025 – Undergraduate Council Meeting

New business:
1. Program Proposals:
a. Computational Linguistics Certificate - The Dietrich School Undergraduate Council reviewed the proposal from the Linguistics Department to offer a Computational Linguistics Certificate with two separate tracks.
i. The Linguistics Track (CompLing-LING track)
1. The Linguistics track is intended for Linguistics and language major and minors in the Dietrich school to gain proficiency in computational

methods and data skills for linguistic problem solving.
2. The requirements, as proposed, include 17 or 18 credits (in addition to the 27 credits for prerequisites shared by both tracks) of Linguistic and Computer Science coursework following the following format:
a. LING 1330, CS 1684 (or CS 590), LING 1810 (or LING 1269), Ling 1340, 1 elective and a capstone (2 or 3 credits)
ii. The Computer Science Track (CompLing-CS track)
1. The Computer Science track is designed for Computer Science and other majors in the School of Computing and Information to gain technical proficiency in natural language engineering.
2. The requirements, as proposed, include 18 credits (in addition to the 27 credits for prerequisites shared by both tracks) of Linguistic and Computer Science coursework following the following format:
a. LING 1130, CS 1684, CS 1671, CS 1571 (or CS 1675), 1 elective and a capstone)
iii. The proposal was moved, seconded, and passed.
iv. Computational Linguistics Certificate approved.
v. NOTE: The Linguistics Department will work with Assistant Dean Andrew Lotz to secure letters of support from the

Computer Science Department and/or School-level support from the Associate Dean and/or Dean of the School of Computing and Information (SCI) since the certificate draws significantly from coursework offered via SCI.

2. Course to Meet General Education Requirements:

a. RELGST 1243/ JS 1243 Jews and the Body proposed to meet the Global Issues general education requirement.

i. Motion to approve as Global Issues gen. ed. was made, seconded, and approved.

ii. RELGST 1243/ JS 1243 approved to meet Global Issues general education requirement.

b. SPAN 1315 Spanish for Professional Communication proposed to meet the Cross-Cultural Awareness general education requirement.

i. Motion to approve as Cross-Cultural Awareness gen. ed. was made, seconded, and approved. ii. SPAN 1315 approved to meet Cross-Cultural Awareness general education requirement.

c. URBNST 0404 Remaking European Cities proposed to meet the Geographic Region and Historical Analysis general education requirements.

i. Motion to approve as Geographic Region gen. ed. was made, seconded, and approved.

ii. Motion to approve as Historical Analysis gen. ed. was made, seconded, and approved.

iii. URBNST 0404 approved to meet Geographic Region and Historic Analysis general education requirements.

3. Other Updates

a. Cross-Cultural Awareness gen. ed. discussion is moving forward and next steps in the review and approval process are being planned.

b. Adriana updated council on free speech policies and provided resources for reacting to current national news

3. Proposal for a new undergraduate certificate in Computational Linguistics (Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies and CGS Adriana Helbig)
Attachment: Certificate in Computational Linguistics

Associate Dean Adriana Helbig presented the proposal.

The proposal for a Certificate in Computational Linguistics was moved, seconded, and approved by Council. It will proceed to the Provost's Advisory Committee on Undergraduate Programs (PACUP) for review.

4. Report on the College of General Studies (Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies and CGS Adriana Helbig)
Attachment: 2.5.25 CGS Council Report to Dietrich Council Final

Associate Dean Adriana Helbig presented the report.

This report did not require a vote for approval.

College of General Studies Council Report to Dietrich School Council
February 13, 2025

February 5, 2025 - College of General Studies Council Meeting

New business:
1. MPCOMM/English/Communications/Media Design Certificate Continued Discussion to potentially establish online versions of existing DSAS majors targeted toward CGS students.
   a. Boryana Dobreva presented the results of the Media and Professional Communications (MPCOMM) student focus group which discussed student background and motivation to pursue this major, as well as program experience and satisfaction. Students were excited by the diverse coursework, flexibility and practical skills gained in this program, and expressed overall satisfaction with the program. They also discussed challenges and areas for improvement, noting the difficulty in finding available courses, balancing scheduling conflicts of required classes with internships and preference of asynchronous, hybrid, and in-person classes over Zoom classes.
   b. Andrew presented a visual mapping of the draft proposals for online Public and Professional Writing (PPW) major and Strategic Communication for Media Professionals (SCMP) major to show where these proposals overlap, and where there are gaps in what was covered by the MPCOMM major.
   c. Andrew then presented the beginning draft outline of a Media Design Certificate that might serve as a useful supplement to the online PPW and SCMP, and still offer a fully online certificate for students to gain practical skills in Media Design. This proposal is a work in progress as Andrew Lotz and Adriana Helbig meet with the Studio Arts and Film Studies departments.
2. CGS Teaching Awards Update a. The deadline to nominate has been extended to February 7th.
3. CGS Student Government Updates
   a. Student council is starting their election and hiring process. Work continues for the CGS student government display on the digital wall in Hillman Library this summer. Student Government is also working on contacting CGS alumni

for their spring event and would like to participate in the SGB student government's major/minor fair.

5. Report from Dietrich School Graduate Council (Dean Adam Leibovich) Attachment: February 2025 DS Graduate Council Report

Dean Leibovich presented the report.

The report was moved, seconded, and approved by Council.

Dietrich School Graduate Council Report

February 3, 2025, Meeting

1. Associate Dean's Updates
   Associate Dean Woon provided several updates, including the progress of the Summer Writing Scholars program at PLE. Center for Mentoring is advancing the Foundations of Graduate Mentoring curriculum, expecting an asynchronous module ready for a DGS pilot at month's end. Federal funding remains uncertain, with the university actively monitoring the situation alongside government relations and legal offices. International students who have questions should seek assistance from specialists in OIS. Additionally, the Race & Latinx Research Slam on January 30, 2025, brought together faculty, students, and former KLI/HMB participants, fostering valuable interdisciplinary connections.

2. Assistant Dean's Updates

Assistant Dean Coutanche advised that the fellowship selections are currently in progress, with orientation meetings completed and selection meetings beginning soon. He has also sent questions to Directors of Graduate Studies regarding thesis and oral defense challenges and is Uinalizing a memo on annual committee meetings and the roles and responsibilities of the DGS.

3. Award for Excellence in Graduate Mentoring
   Council discussed whether the award should be limited to faculty with primary appointments in the Dietrich School. Council favored a more inclusive approach to allow those with secondary appointments who mentor DSAS graduate students to be eligible.

4. Academic Integrity Subcommittee
   The Academic Integrity Code (AIC) Subcommittee presented a progress report developing guidance regarding graduate-related concerns not adequately covered by the existing AIC.

5. Assessment Reporting Pilot AY22-AY25
   Associate Dean Woon noted that we are approaching the end of the three-year pilot period and may discuss the Assessment reporting at the next meeting. The process has yielded positive changes, with potential to further enhance student involvement

6. March Full Faculty Meeting Agenda (Dean Adam Leibovich)

Dean Leibovich presented the proposed Full Faculty Meeting Agenda for approval.

The agenda was moved, seconded, and approved by Council.

7. Proposed Promotion Criteria and Guidelines for Clinical Track (Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs Todd Reeser) Attachment: AS Clinical faculty descriptions and promotion-DS Committee Approved 02_20_25

Associate Dean Reeser presented updates to Proposed Promotion Criteria and Guidelines for Clinical Track.

The proposed Criteria and Guidelines for Clinical Track Faculty were moved, seconded, and approved by Council. The changes will now proceed to the Office of the Provost for approval.

8. Other Business

Council adjourned with no further business.